Introduced by Senator Wiggins

February 4, 2010

An act to amend Section 69.9 of the Military and Veterans Code, relating to veterans.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 947, as introduced, Wiggins. Department of Veterans Affairs: veterans' homes: yearly fiscal estimate package.

Existing law requires the Department of Veterans Affairs, on or before January 10, 2009, and each January 10 thereafter, to provide a fiscal estimate package to the fiscal committees of the Legislature that contains specified information regarding the costs of administering state veterans' homes. Existing law also requires the department to provide an updated fiscal estimate package on or before May 15 of each year.

This bill would require the department to additionally provide the fiscal estimate package and updated fiscal estimate package each year to the legislative representatives whose districts include the state veterans' homes.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 69.9 of the Military and Veterans Code
- 2 is amended to read:
- 3 69.9. (a) (1) On or before January 10, 2009, and on or before
- 4 January 10 of each year thereafter, the department shall provide
- 5 the fiscal committees of both houses of the Legislature with a fiscal
- 6 estimate package containing the anticipated budget year costs of

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1 carrying out the current year's level of service as authorized by 2 the Legislature for the state veterans homes.

- (2) On or before January 10, 2011, and on or before January 10 of each year thereafter, the department shall provide the legislative representatives whose districts include state veterans' homes with the fiscal estimate package described in paragraph (1).
- (b) (1) The fiscal estimate package shall include, but not be limited to, the following information, which shall be provided for each veterans home:
 - (A) An annual resident census by level of care.
- (B) An annual position summary by level of care and nonlevel of care.
- (C) Operating and equipment expenses, including, but not limited to, the following:
- (i) Cost adjustments specific to the adjustment in the number of residents by level of care.
- (ii) Any staff adjustments, whether level of care or nonlevel of care.
- (D) A fiscal display of any moneys budgeted by the department as revenues or recoveries to the General Fund.
- (2) Each fiscal estimate package shall include, in addition to the information provided pursuant to paragraph (1), a description of the assumptions and methodologies used for calculating the resident level of care factors, all staffing costs, and operating and equipment expenses. Fiscal bridge charts shall be included that display the year-to-year changes in funding levels by funding source.
- (3) The department may provide any additional information as deemed appropriate to provide a comprehensive fiscal perspective to the Legislature for the analysis and deliberations for purposes of appropriation.
- (c) (1) On or before May 15, 2009, and on or before May 15 of each year thereafter, the department shall provide the fiscal committees of both houses of the Legislature with an updated fiscal estimate package that shall include, but is not limited to, an updated fiscal display of any moneys budgeted by the department as revenues or recoveries to the General Fund and updated fiscal bridge charts that display the year-to-year changes in funding levels by funding source.

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